A DECLARATION Of the Lords and Commons Assembled in PARLIAMENT.

For the raising of all Power and force as well trained Bands as others, in severall Counties of this Kingdome, to lead against all Traitors, and their adherents, and them to arrest, and imprison, and to fight with, kill, and slay all such as shal oppose any of his Majesties loving subjects, that shall be imployed in this service, by either of both Houses of Parliament.

With a Relation of some late passages in *Somerset*, and how the Country being 15000 strong, have beset the Towne of *Wels*, wherein Marquesse *Hertford* and 800 of his Souldiers now are.

Ordered that this Declaration be forthwith Printed.

Hen. Elsyng Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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A Declaration of both Houſes of Parliament.

WHereas certain Information is given from ſeverall parts of the Kingdome, That divers Troops of Horſe are imployed in ſundry Counties of the Kingdome; and that others have Commiſſion to raiſe both Horſe and Foot, to compell his Majeſties Subjects to ſubmit to the illegall Commiſſion of Array, out of a Trayterous intent, to ſubvert the liberty of the Subiect, and the Law of the Kingdome; And for the better ſtrengthning themſelves in this wicked attempt, Doe ioyn with the Popiſh and Jeſuiticall faction, to put

the Kingdome into a combuſtion and civill warre, by levying forces againſt the Parliament; and by thoſe forces to alter the Religion, and the ancient Government, and lawfull liberty of the Kingdome, and to introduce Popery and Idolatry, together with an Arbitrary form of Government: And in perſuance thereof, have traiterouſly and rebelliouſly levyed warre againſt the King, and by force, robbed, ſpoyled, and ſlain, divers of His Maieſties good Subiects, travelling about their lawfull and neceſſary occaſions in the Kings protection according to Law, and namely that for the end and purpoſe aforeſaid, The Earle of *Northampton*, the Lord *Dunſmore*, Lord *Willoughby* of *Erisby* ſonne to the Earle of *Lindſey*, *Henry Haſtings* Eſq. and divers other unknowne perſons in the Counties of *Lincolne*, *Nottingham*, *Leiceſter*, *Warwick*, *Oxfordſhire*, and other places, and the Marqueſſe of *Hertford*, the Lord *Pawlet*, Lord *Seymore*, Sir *John Stawell*, Sir *Ralph Hopton*, *Iohn Digby* Eſq. & other their Accomplices have gotten together great forces in the County of *Somerſet*.

The Lords and Commons duely conſidering the great dangers which may enſue upon ſuch their wicked and Trayterous deſignes; And if by this meanes the power of the Sword ſhould come into the hands of Papiſts and their Adherents, nothing can be expected but the miſerable

miſerable ruine and deſolation of the Kingdome, and the bloodie Maſſacre of the Proteſtants,

They doe Declare and Ordaine, That it is and ſhall be lawfull for all his Majeſties loving Subjects, by force of Armes, to reſiſt the ſaid ſeverall Parties and their complices, & all other that ſhall raiſe or conduct any other Forces for the ends aforeſaid. And that the Earle of *Eſſex*, Lord Generall with all his Forces raiſed by the Authority of Parliament, as likewiſe the Lord *Say*, Lieutenant of *Oxfordſhire*, Earle of *Peterborough*, Lieutenant of *Northamptonſhire*, Lord *Wharton*, Lieutenant of *Buckinghamſhire*, Earle of *Stamford*, Lieutenant of *Leiceſterſhire*, Earle of *Pembrooke*, Lieutenant of *Wiltſhire* and *Hamſhire*, Earle of *Bedford*, Lieutenant of *Somerſetſhire* and *Devon*, Lord *Brook*, Lieutenant of *Warwickſhire*, the Lord *Cranborne* Lieutenant of *Dorſetſhire*, the Lord *Willoughby* of *Parham*, Lieutenant of *Lincolnſhire*, and their Deputy Lieutenants reſpectively, and all thoſe who are, or ſhall be appoynted by Ordinance of both Houſes, to perform the place of Deputy Lieutenants; *Denſill Hollis* Eſquire, Lieutenant of the City and County of *Briſtol*, and the Majors and Sheriffs of the City, and Deputy Lieutenants there, and all other Lieutenants of Counties, Sheriffs, Majors Deputy Lieutenants ſhall raiſe all the power and forces of their ſeverall Counties, as well trained bands as others, and ſhall have power

to conduct and lead the said Forces of the said Counties, against the said Traytors and their Adherents, and with them to fight, kill, and slay all such as by force shall oppose them; and the persons of the said Traytors and their Adherents and accomplices to arrest and imprison, and them to bring up to the Parliament, to answer this their Trayterous and Rebellious attempts according to Law, and the same, or any other Forces, to transport and conduct from one County to another in aide and assistance one of another, and of all others that shall joyne with the Lords and Commons in Parliament, for the defence of the Religion of Almightie God, and of the Liberties and peace of the Kingdome, and in pursuit of those wicked and Rebellious Traytors, their Conspirators, Aydors Abettors and Adherents: Requiring all Lieutenants of Counties, Sheriffs, Majors, Justices of Peace, and others His Majesties Officers and loving Subjects, to be ayding and assisting to one another, in the execution thereof, and for their so doing all the parties above mentioned; and all others that shall joyn with them, shall be justified, defended, & secured, by the powes and authority of Parliament.

SIR

SIR;

I Have often received newes from you, I do now exchange; the newes is past with us; this weeke you have heard I believe how Marquesse *Hartford* came this weeke to *Somerset* for the Array, it began on Monday last at *Wells*, the place of the Rendevous, there came 800 Troopers bravely horst from the Lord *Pawlet*, Lord *Digby*, Lord *Cottington*, Sir *John Strell*, Sir *Ralph Hopton*, and other Knights and Gentlemen in that county, and others for their service, and at the first tooke away all the Ammunition that the troops brought with them. On thursday last the troopers ranging from place to place, to bring in all Companies that might assemble to annoy them, met with 500. Souldiers comming from *Bridgewater* side with Colonell *Pine*, the Parliament man, and were surprised by *Lunsford*, who by an ambush slew two of the Company, hurt 16. more, and routed that company, and tooke their Armes, and the Captaine *Preston* tooke quarter, and was brought to *Wells*, but this Friday are above 15000. well appoynted men assembled on *Mendip* for King and Parliament, and have taken the Hill adoyning to *Wells*, where they have planted their Cannons, and have the Towne at command, and there are 20000. more speedy to come, and comming from all parts of *Somersetshire*, *Glocestershire*, *Wilts*, *Devonshire*, insomuch that the Marquesse with all his Royalists the chiefe of those parts are now in feare, and this day are endevouring to get away, and we all believe they will steale away in the night, for they are threatned to be brought to the Parliament; what I write you I have from sure hands, who were present at this. If you meet Sir *Walter Earle* suddenly, I pray you acquaint him with what I write.

Dated Sinston, 8. August, 1642.

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